(घ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कान्त सहाय) : (क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) से (घ) जबकि कुछ सिंधी लोग वैध वीसा से सीमावर्ती जिलों से गुजरात और राजस्थान में आए लेकिन इन राज्यों की सरकार को सहायता के लिए कोई अनुरोध नहीं प्राप्त हुआ है । यह संभव है कि ऐसे लोग अपने दोस्तों और रिश्तेदारों के यहां गए हों और उनके साथ रह रहे हों । क्योंकि वे शरणार्थी नहीं है इसलिए आंकड़े रखने या पुनर्वास प्रदान करने का प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता ।

Criteria for upgradation of posts in Indian Information Service

1581 SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the criteria followed in upgradation of posts in various grades in Indian Information Service;

(b) which are the such upgraded posts transferred from one media unit to another and from one place to another during the last two years; and

(c) what are the reasons for their transfers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) The upgradation of posts in various grades of Indian Information Service was undertaken as part of Cadre Review exercise. The criteria followed were:—

(i) To bring about rationalisation of cadre structure with a view to improve the efficiency of the Service and morale of the officers; and

(ii) to regulate promotional opportunities in a better manner by removing stagnation in a particular grade keeping in view the growth needs of the Service.

(b) and (c) The upgradation of posts in various grades was done on 16.8.1990. The headquarters of upgraded post of Joint Director, DFP, Hyderabad were shifted to DDK, Hyderabad on 1.11 1990 in exigencies of work and in publice interest. The headquarters of this post have since been restored to DFP, Hyderabad w.e.f. 27.12.1990.

Audition and screen test for selection of casual news reader at Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra

1582. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI.

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any audition and screen tests for selection of casual news readers were conducted at Lucknow Doordarshan Kendra in the recent months, if so, what was the procedure adopted for selection and what was the ratio of outside experts and local Doordarshan staff in the selection committee; and

(b) whether the Directorate General has laid down any rules for such selection committee composition, if so, what are the details thereof and to what extent they were followed in this case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Doordarshan Kendras hold tests periodically for empanelment of casual News Reader to meet their requirement for various news bulletins. Doordarshan Kendra. Lucknow conducted preliminary tests consisting of voice and cemera tests in the month of

October, 1990, The candidates found qualified in the preliminary tests would be screened by Selection committee consisting the Director, Sr. News Editor of the Kendra and three outside Members. The selection is made on the basis of presentable personality on TV screen, good voice correct pronounciation, diction and news background if the candidate.

Production of indigenous engine for light Combat Aircraft

1583. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken the final decision to produce Light Combat *Aircraft;*

(b) what progress has been made in making an indigenous engine for the L.C.A. and other important parts of the project;

(c) when the project is likely to be completed and what would be the final investment on the project; and

(d) whether an advanced foreign jet fighter will be acquired pending production of L.C.A. if so, what are the plans in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) The Project Definition Phase or the LCA has been completed. The next phase viz. the Full Scale Engineering Development (FSED), as part of the Post-Project Definition Phase, is being taken up in phases Government sanction is being sought for Phase I activities in which critical technologies are planned to be demonstrated. Phase II of FSED is envisaged for integration of various technologies to be demonstrated in parallel to Phase I. Due to the phased nature of FSED, the production phase to follow is expected to be determined during the progress of FSED.

(b) The detailed design of components is in progress. The material specifications for different components have been drawn up. Forging drawing for components have been completed. Test plans for components and the engine have been finalised.

(c) The roll-out of the first LCA core technology demonstrator platform under Phase I is expected in 1995. As per current estimates the manufacture of LCA is likely to start in the early years of the decade starting 2000 The likely investment for Phase I of FSED would be of the order of Rs. 1670 crores.

(d) It will not be in the national interest to disclose Government plans in this regard.

National Security Council

1584. KUMARI SAYEEDA KHATUN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the new Government's stand in regard to the National Front Government's decision to set up National Security Council; and

(b) whether any progress has been made about the formation of the National Security Council after the announcement of the decision of setting it up; if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) The National Security Council was set up on 24th August 1990 and a meeting of the National Security Council has also been held. A National Security Advisory Board, under the Chairmanship of the Prime Minister, has also been constituted and notified to provide a broader cross section of views on the working of the National Security Council. A Strategic Core Group, with Cabinet Secretary as its Chairman, has also been set up to assist the National Security Council. This Group has also met once. The National Security Council will have a separate secretariat to service it. For the present, however, the Joint Intelligence Committee of the Cabinet Secretariat is functioning as the Secretariat for the National Security Council.